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Sir:

By Office Action dated February 7, 2005, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has taken the position that Claims 1-11 (Group I) are drawn to a fluoroelastomer comprising repeating units from (A) VDF or TFE, (B) other fluorinated monomer, (C) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-(\text{CF}_2)_n-\text{I}$, and iodine bound at terminal positions, classified in Class 526, subclasses 250. Claims 12-24 (Group II) are drawn to a curable fluoroelastomer composition comprising iodine-containing copolymer of Group I, classified in class 526, subclass 206. Regardless of whether Group I or Group II is elected, the Examiner has required Applicant to select either Species (1) VDF or Species (2) TFE.

Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 12-24 (Group II) and Species (1) VDF.

Respectfully submitted,



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